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EXPORT OF PRODUCTS OF COTTAGE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise quantum of items produced by the cottage industry during the last year;
- (b) the steps taken to promote export of these products;
- (c) the details of products exported by Maharashtra during the last year; and
- (d) the details of the total export of the cottage sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): The cottage industry sector consists essentially of handicrafts, khadi, polyvastra and village industries. Data on quantum of production of handicrafts items are not maintained centrally. Details of production of khadi, polyvastra and village industry products during 2003-04 are given in the enclosed Annexures I, II and III respectively.

(b): The steps taken to promote export of cottage industry products include financial assistance for participation in international fairs and exhibitions abroad, organising buyer- sellers meets, assistance for overseas publicity, organizing seminars/workshops on export procedures, organizing the Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Fair at New Delhi, setting up of Indian Exposition Mart in Greater NOIDA (Uttar Pradesh), establishment of new Handicrafts Special Economic Zones (SEZs), earmarking of specific funds under Market Access Initiative, etc.

(c): State-wise export data on handicrafts are not maintained centrally. However, the amounts of village industry products exported by village industry units located in Maharashtra and registered with the Khadi and Village Industries Commission during 2003-04 are as under:-